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**Notice of Appeal**

Dear Mr. To,

I filed a patent application in your office, INTEGRATED DATABASE DATA EDITING SYSTEM, on 10/02/2000 (#09/677,493). I sent the Clean Version of Amendment to you on 08/12/2002 and faxed the Marked Up Version to you on 02/05/2003 as well as four letters on 08/12/2002, 02/27/2003, 05/29/2003 and 01/05/04 replying to your letters on 07/27/2002, 02/06/2003, 05/15/2003 and 08/07/03. We have had several telephone conversations since 08/12/2002, and also exchanged e-mails many times. Here is my appeal and response to your letter dated 01/29/04 corresponding to each item:

#2. In response to your letter dated 08/07/2003, we had a telephone conversation on 08/22/2003 and discussed this issue in detail. You promised me that you would re-examine my patent application immediately and get back to me on 08/26/2003. I didn't hear from you on 08/26/2003, so I sent you several e-mails to follow up. You sent me a replying e-mail with three new references (#6,560,607, #6,502,092 and #6,418,467) on 09/11/2003. I replied you an e-mail at the same day indicating that my invention is different from these three patents. I also sent you several e-mails to follow up since 09/11/2003. We also had a telephone conversation on 01/05/04, and I sent you a formal letter as you instructed. So, I believe that my responses were timely and properly following your instructions.

#3. In response to your letter on 08/07/2003 and related matter, I sent you e-mails and we exchanged e-mails on 08/20/03, 08/21/03, 08/22/03, 08/28/03, 09/11/03, 10/01/03, 11/10/03, 12/08/03, 01/02/04, 01/06/04, 01/14/04 and 02/06/04. You did not indicate that our communications by e-mail were not formal as USPTO requirements until your letter dated 01/29/2004. Attached is the Authorization of Internet Communication form.

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As I argued above, I have responded to your letter dated 08/07/2003 timely and properly by telephone and by e-mail. I also sent you a formal letter on 01/05/2004 as you instructed. I believe that I have followed your instructions timely and properly. I want to appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and to get my patent application approved as soon as possible. Attached is the Appeal Fee US\$160.00.

I believe that my invention is original and patentable. There is no any previous art similar to my invention. My invention is also very significant in both technology and economy fields, which meets the novelty and usability requirements by USPTO very well. If you have any further concerns or questions, please let me know. Thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George G. Yang".

George Guang Yang, Ph.D.